

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Consent Item:**

District facility plan amendment: Daviess and McCracken County School Districts and Pineville Independent School District

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

702 KAR 4:180

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the proposed amendments to the current District Facility Plans for the above listed Kentucky school districts?

### **History/Background:**

#### ***Existing Policy.***

KRS 157.420 - requires that the capital outlay and Facilities Support Program of Kentucky (Building Fund) allotment from the public school funds be used by school districts for capital construction projects defined by the district's long range facility plan (702 KAR 4:180).

KRS 157.620 - requires each school district to establish unmet facility needs (equal the sum of all capital construction priorities from the district facility plan less local available revenue) to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) Offer of Assistance.

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) shall approve all District Facility Plans submitted by the local school district upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Education. The amendment hearing reports are attached.

KDE has also reviewed the non-resident agreements and the number of "out of district" students in each school district affected. (This information is enclosed herein.)

### **Staff Recommendation & Rationale:**

Staff recommends the KBE approve the proposed amendments to the District Facility Plans for Daviess and McCracken County School Districts and Pineville Independent School District. The plans were developed in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. The Division of Facilities Management staff certify that the requested actions are justified, meet the intent to provide upgraded facilities, and are in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

In Standard 4 of the Standards and Indicators for School Improvement it is noted that the school's physical environment has an impact on student achievement. Research also indicates that better facilities enhance equity (equal opportunities for all students), attitudes and retention of staff, and parental involvement.

### **Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

Public forums and a local public hearing were held in the school districts.

#### **Daviess County**

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 15-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 4-1 to approve the amendment.

#### **McCracken County**

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 12-6 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment. The local board will not approve the hearing report until their regular meeting on November 20, 2008. Because of the nature of this amendment and the large turnout at the public hearing, the local board has scheduled their November 20, 2008 local board meeting at the Lone Oak Middle School gymnasium. The local board plans to open the floor to public comments before the meeting. The local board will then consider the hearing report in that meeting. Copies of the audio tapes of the McCracken County Public Hearing are on file at the KDE Planning Branch Office.

#### **Pineville Independent**

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 11-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment.

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### **Date:**

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